

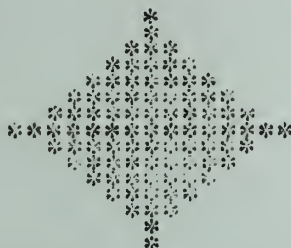
NEWCASTLE EMLYN

RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

I beg to submit my report for the year ended 31st December, 1956 together with the Table of Vital Statistics.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

Area of the District	82,842 acres
Estimated Population Newcastle Emlyn R.D.C. (1951 Census)	8,692
England and Wales	44,274,000
Children aged 0 - 4	609
Children aged 5 - 14	1,129

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Number of registered live births (Leg).	25	11	14
(Illeg).	2	1	1
Number of deaths	119	67	52
Number of deaths ascribed to childbirth	Nil	Nil	Nil
Number of deaths of infants 1 year (leg)	Nil	Nil	Nil
(Illeg)	Nil	Nil	Nil
Number of deaths of infants under 1 month (leg)	3	Nil	3
(Illeg)	Nil	Nil	Nil

The number of deaths registered was 119 of whom 52 were females. The number of registered live births were 27. The excess of deaths over births is not uncommon in the area where the population is heavily weighted by the older age group.

Heart disease accounted for 43 and was a principal single cause. Of the deaths from Heart Disease, 24 were male and ~~23~~<sup>19</sup> were female.

Vascular lesions of the nervous system (cerebral haemorrhage etc) and cancer in its various forms claimed 43 victims. There were 3 deaths from respiratory tuberculosis. No mother died as a result of childbirth.



CAUSES OF DEATH IN CERTAIN DISEASES, 1956.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Heart Disease	43	24	19
Cerebral Haemorrhage	20	12	8
Other Diseases	29	16	13
Cancer	23	13	10
Tuberculosis	3	1	2
Accidents	Nil	Nil	Nil
Suicide	1	1	Nil

TUBERCULOSIS.

Removed from Register - 12

6 were cured.  
1 Died  
5 left the area.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Number of new cases	6	3	3

Ages of cases notified.

<u>Age</u>	<u>Respiratory</u>	<u>Non-respiratory</u>
20	1	Nil
49	1	Nil
28	1	Nil
47	1	Nil
57	1	Nil
15	Nil	1

Your obedient Servant

EVAN EVANS.

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTHS INSPECTORS.

Mr. Chairman and Members,

We have the honour of presenting the Annual Report of the activities of your Public Health Department for the year ended 31st. December, 1956.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS MADE DURING THE YEAR.

Drainage	89	Section 47 N.A.A. 1948	2
Water Supply	24	Food Poisoning	8
Milk Supply	15	Unsound Food	6
Dairies	4	Food Premises	76





Refuse	6	Public Houses	8
Building Byelaws	102	Ice Cream Premises	4
Council Houses	40	Knackers Yards	2
Nuisances	6	Meat Inspection	150
Schools	4	Moveable Dwellings	4
Disinfection	3	Public Conveniences	3
Infectious Diseases	2	Overcrowding	1
Disinfestation	1	Housing Repairs	12
Rodent Control	18	Improvement Grants	82

#### SUMMARY OF NOTICES SERVED UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS.

No. of Statutory Notices served	4
No. of Statutory Notices complied with	4
No. of Informal Notices served	16
No. of Informal Notices complied with	12
Work undertaken by Council in default	Nil

#### SEWERAGE.

#### LLANYBYTHER SEWERAGE SCHEME.

This is the only scheme operating on a large scale in the Council's area. The connecting of properties continues slowly. During the year under review a total of nine properties connected to the system.

#### WATER SAMPLES TAKEN DURING 1956.

The following samples were taken during the year and submitted for examination:-

#### BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION.

##### (a) Public Supplies.

No. of samples taken	2	2
No. of samples satisfactory	2	2

##### (b) Private Supplies.

No. of samples taken	21
No. of samples satisfactory	14
No. of samples unsatisfactory	7

#### CHEMICAL ANALYSIS.

##### Public Supply.

No. of samples taken	1
No. of samples satisfactory	1





# REFUSE COLLECTION.

A start has been made on Llanllwni mountain to form a controlled refuse tip. The work is continuing satisfactorily but it will be some time before complete control can be effected. Treale tip continues to be a menace to public health and efforts should be made to secure another tip and to close Treale.

# RODENT CONTROL.

# SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS, TREATMENTS, etc.,

Type of Property	No. of Inspections.	No. of Treatments.
Local Authority Property	19	5
Dwellings	312	122
Business Property	48	Nil
Agricultural Property	11	1

# MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

# MEAT INSPECTION.

The following animals were examined during the year:

No. of cattle	-	128
No. of sheep	-	442
No. of pigs	-	5
No. of calves	-	4

# DETAILS OF MEAT CONDEMNED.

<u>Cattle:-</u>	Distomatosis	331 lbs.
	Tenmuicollis cysts	14 "
	Contamination	12 "
	Lung Congestion	6 "
	2 Hindquarters complete	Bruising
<u>Calves:-</u>	2 Calves complete	Immaturity
	Forequarter	Bruising
<u>Sheep:-</u>	Distomatosis	61 lbs.
	Strongyli	18 "

# OTHER FOODS.

The following foodstuffs were examined and were found to be unfit for human consumption:-



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OTHER FOODS (Continued)

32 lbs Boneless Cooked Ham	
Tinned Meat	48 Tins
Tinned Fruit	18 "
Tinned Vegetables	26 "
Tinned Milk	19 "

All the condemned meat and foodstuffs are disposed of by the Local Authority.

MILK.

The following samples were taken during the year and submitted for a bacteriological examination:-

No. of samples taken	- 5
No. of samples satisfying methylene blue test	- 5

Routine examination of samples for Brucella Abortus organisms is carried out by the Public Health Laboratory service. One of the above samples was found to contain brucella organisms and the producer was immediately instructed to despatch all future consignments of milk for pasteurisation.

Arrangements were made with the Milk Marketing Board to pasteurise the above milk, and this process was continued until samples showed a negative result. The herd was cleared towards the end of the year and further samples proved satisfactory.

TYPHOID.

A notification was received from the Medical Officer of Health to Ebbw Vale Urban District Council that a typhoid victim at Ebbw Vale Hospital had visited Llanybyther, in the area of Newcastle Emlyn Rural District Council and had bought some cooked ham there. The time lapse between the patient's visit to Llanybyther and the date of the onset of the disease was the time needed for the incubation of the organism.

A thorough investigation was carried out at Llanybyther. The shop from which the ham was sold and other cafes in the village were carefully inspected and all food handlers were interviewed and faecal and urine samples obtained from them. A routine check was made of water and milk supplies and of the sewerage works effluent. All enquiries proved negative.



It was subsequently learned that the small outbreak at Ebbw Vale had been traced to a carrier who had had typhoid fever some 30 years ago.

FOOD HYGIENCE REGULATIONS 1955.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT 1955.

These two important pieces of legislation came into operation on the 1st. January, 1956. Routine inspections of food shops in the area were carried out in accordance with the Regulations and a good response generally is being made to the various requirements.

DWELLINGS FOUND UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION.

Action was taken in respect of the following premises found on inspection to be unfit for human habitation:-

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1953. Section 10.

1 property subject to Closing Order.

Section 11. Housing Act 1936.

1 Demolition made

4 undertakings received from owners that houses would not be used for human habitation.

HOUSING ACT 1949. IMPROVEMENT GRANTS.

During the year under review the Council received 39 applications for grant aid under the above Act. All of these applications were approved after careful scrutiny.

During the year 30 works of improvements were completed.

In encouraging these schemes the Council have succeeded in saving many sub-standard properties which would have been subject in time to Demolition action under the Housing Acts.

CONCLUSION.

Our thanks are due once again to the Council for their enthusiasm and support, to the Medical Officer of Health for his interest and advice, to the Clerk and his staff for co-operation at all times and to the outdoor staff for their loyalty.

We are Sirs,

Your obedient Servants,

W.J.GRIFFITHS,

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Public Health Inspector.



